



A 6-year old child in front of a mobile psychosocial support caravan in Antakya, Hatay.

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UNICEF Türkiye
Humanitarian Situation
Report No. 6

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for every child

Situation in Numbers*

9.1 million
People in Need

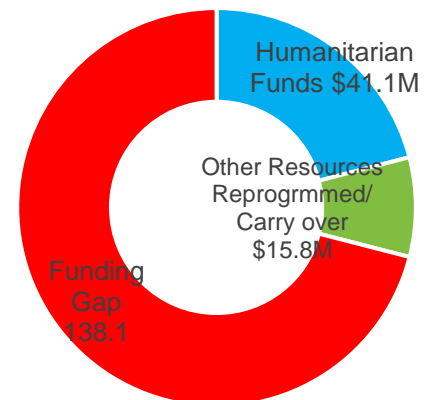
2.5 million
Children in Need

3 million
People Targeted by UNICEF

1.5 million
Children Targeted by UNICEF

* IA Flash Appeal, UNICEF Türkiye HAC

UNICEF Appeal 2023 (Feb-Apr)
US\$ 196 million
Funding Status as of 24 March
(US\$ million)



Highlights

- The death toll from the devastating earthquakes on 6 February has increased to 50,096 people and around 2.7 million people remain internally displaced in Türkiye. An estimated 2.3 million people have been identified as living in formal and informal settlements across earthquake affected areas of which 1.7 million have been identified to be living in informal settlements. ⁱ
- 1,915 unaccompanied children have been identified of whom 1,750 have been reunified with their families.ⁱⁱ Shelter, water sanitation facilities, healthcare, protection (including mental health and psychosocial support) and continuity of learning remain priority needs. ⁱⁱⁱ
- The Ministry of National Education (MoNE) has resumed education in six out of 10 earthquake affected provinces (*Diyarbakır, Şanlıurfa and Kilis* on 1 March, *Adana, Gaziantep, Osmaniye* on 13 March); and a total of 1,495,648 students have begun to resume their education in these provinces.¹ Also, 252,000 students have moved with their families to non-affected provinces and have enrolled in Turkish Public schools in *Ankara, Antalya, Mersin and Istanbul*.ⁱⁱⁱ
- As of 22 March, UNICEF has reached 391,420 people, including 222,560 children, with critical hygiene supplies, and 21,983 people with non-food items, including blankets and heaters.
- 131,113 children and caregivers have received mental health and psychosocial support and 20,660 people have accessed safe spaces for multisectoral support. ^{iv}
- As of 24 March, UNICEF has a funding gap of over US\$ 138 million (71%) against the funding requirement of US\$ 196 million to reach 3 million people, including 1.5 million children.

ⁱ Türkiye: 2023 Earthquakes Situation Report No. 11, as of 23 March 2023 - Türkiye | ReliefWeb and IOM March 2023

ⁱⁱ Ministry of Family and Social Services (MoFSS), 09 March, 2023

ⁱⁱⁱ Ministry of National Education (MoNE), 13 March 2023

^{iv} Includes the people accessing safe spaces established under Child Protection, ECE, ADAP programmatic interventions

Funding Overview and Partnerships

Under the [UNICEF Türkiye Earthquake Response Humanitarian Action for Children 2023](#) (HAC) UNICEF urgently requires US\$196 million to reach 3 million people, including 1.5 million children who have been affected by the 6 February earthquakes. As of 24 March, there remains a significant funding gap of 71 percent. UNICEF is grateful for the quick reprogramming and generous new contributions from the Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance (BHA), Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (BPRM), the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), European Union, including European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO), the Government of Japan, the Government of Sweden (SIDA), the Government of the United Kingdom, the Government of Canada, *Kreditanstalt Fur Wiederaufbau* (KfW), the Government of Kuwait (*forthcoming*)¹ and the UNICEF national committees² for Australia, Ireland, Denmark, France, Germany, Korea, Norway, Türkiye, Switzerland, Sweden, USA, UK, Qatar, Italy, Spain, Singapore, Bulgaria, Belarus, Chile, Colombia, Peru, Malaysia, Mexico, Romania, United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Uruguay, Serbia, and Switzerland; all of which have enabled immediate provision of critical supplies and services to children and families affected by the earthquake. Given the urgency to respond, UNICEF has also leveraged its Emergency Programme Fund (EPF)³ and global humanitarian thematic funds, to expedite the delivery of critical services and supplies to people in need.

Timely and flexible contributions are urgently required to enable UNICEF to complement the Government-led response and promptly respond to current and increasing humanitarian needs.

Under the leadership of the Government of Türkiye and within the interagency framework for the earthquake response, UNICEF is working with key humanitarian partners – Government and Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), through established interagency mechanisms. Cooperation is ongoing with the Ministry of Interior Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD), Presidency of Migration Management (PMM) and key ministries including the Ministry of Family and Social Services (MoFSS), Ministry of National Education (MoNE), Ministry of Youth and Sports (MoYS), and Ministry of Health (MoH).

Humanitarian Leadership, Coordination and Strategy

While the Government is leading the overall humanitarian response, an interagency humanitarian coordination mechanism has been established supporting government led efforts with sector working groups. Under this coordination framework, UNICEF is leading the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) and Education sector working groups and co-leading the Child Protection sub-working group under the UNHCR led Protection working group. UNICEF is also a member of the WHO led Health working group, the UNHCR led Cash working group and the UNDP led Early Recovery group, as well as the interagency protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) and accountability to affected population (AAP) task forces. Under the Early Recovery group, the Government, with the support of the World Bank, EU and UN, is leading the Türkiye Earthquake Recovery and Reconstruction Assessment (TERRA) focusing on the financial estimates, scale and impact of damages across sectors. UNICEF led the Education chapter and contributed to the other sectoral chapters of the assessment.⁴

UNICEF is using its long-standing presence in Türkiye, including strong relations with the Government and a large network of civil society and private sector partners, to implement its strategy of scaling up humanitarian response to address the needs of vulnerable children, women and families. UNICEF has already established partnerships with eight municipalities (*Ankara, Gaziantep, Sanliurfa, Kilis, Yuregir, Hatay, Istanbul and Izmir*) and with the Union of Municipalities of Türkiye (UMT), which are being leveraged and scaled up to deliver immediate humanitarian assistance to affected children and families. Building on existing partnerships with local NGOs and with the private sector, UNICEF is expanding service delivery in the areas where there are critical gaps, in close coordination with local authorities, and working to strengthen local capacities and systems. Moreover, UNICEF is enhancing engagement with youth/adolescent networks and platforms, building the capacity of young people and mobilizing them to support the delivery of frontline response, to reinforce integration and social cohesion as well as resilience building. In order to provide integrated response to affected children and families, UNICEF with partners is

¹ On 15 March, the Government of Kuwait announced an allocation of \$ USD 9m for UNICEF Türkiye; these funds should be received within the coming week.

² Funding channeled through UNICEF national committees, includes private sector funding received as well as contributions for individual and online donations.

³ EPF is UNICEF's internal funding mechanism, allocated to countries as a loan to expedite timely emergency response.

⁴ Final TERRA report published (English) <https://www.sbb.gov.tr/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Turkiye-Recovery-and-Reconstruction-Assessment.pdf>.

establishing age-appropriate inclusive *child, adolescent and family support* spaces/hubs⁵, which are providing frontline childprotection support as well as facilitating access to specialized child protection services⁶, health and nutrition, education, and information on cash transfers as well feedback/complaint mechanisms.

Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

The death toll from the devastating earthquakes on 6 February has increased to 50,096⁷, while around 2.7 people million remain internally displaced in Türkiye⁸. of the estimated 2.3 million people identified as living in formal and informal settlements across earthquake affected areas 1.7 million are living in informal settlements⁹. WASH, healthcare including mental health and psychosocial needs and access to other basic services continue to remain major needs in temporary accommodation centers (TACs)¹⁰ or accommodation sites.

To date, 1,915 unaccompanied children have been identified, of whom 1,750 have been reunified with their families and 83 have been taken into institutional care.¹¹ Access to education has been hampered for nearly 4 million children, including 350,000 refugee and migrant children.¹² The MoNE has resumed education in six out of 10 earthquake affected provinces (*Diyarbakır, Şanlıurfa and Kilis* on 1 March, *Adana, Gaziantep, Osmaniye* on 13 March); and a total of 1,495,648 students have begun to resume their education in these provinces.¹³ Also, 252,000 students have moved with their families to non-affected provinces and have enrolled in Turkish Public schools in *Ankara, Antalya, Mersin and Istanbul*.¹⁴ An announcement by President Erdogan highlighted that 45,000 new teachers will be appointed in the coming period across Türkiye, giving priority to appointments in earthquake affected provinces.

Under the leadership of the Government of Türkiye, humanitarian partners continue to deliver immediate response to the affected population, while in parallel recovery and reconstruction plans are underway. The TERRA reported extensive damage to WASH facilities and 20,430 educational institutions, which will require an estimated \$11 billion USD¹⁵ for repair and rehabilitation alone. UNICEF is working with national and local authorities to ensure that the humanitarian response contributes to people and child centered, medium- and longer-term plans in WASH, Education, Health and Nutrition, Child protection and Social Protection. A total of Euro €7 billion was pledged by the international community at the International Donors' Conference for Türkiye and Syria on 20 March. Out of this total, Euro €6.05 billion was pledged in grants and loans for Türkiye. As of 24 March, the Interagency Appeal for US\$1 billion to assist 5.2 million people affected by the earthquakes is only 19.6% funded with US\$197 million¹⁶ received.

Summary of Programme Response

Child Protection, Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies (GBViE) and (PSEA): To date, UNICEF has cumulatively reached 131,113 children and caregivers with psychosocial support (PSS) and psychological first aid (PFA) through the trained social workers of the MoFSS and as well as through NGO partners. During the reporting period, 23 060 people were reached with PSS and PFA through MoFSS trained staff and NGO partners, among them 2,010 (1,991 children) were reached with recreational activities, individual counselling, case management, protection assessments, gender-based violence (GBV) prevention activities while 7 883 women, girls and boys accessed GBV risk mitigation, prevention and response interventions, and were provided with safe and accessible channels to report sexual exploitation and abuse by aid workers.

⁵ These hubs are serving Turkish communities as well as refugee populations, reinforcing social cohesion.

⁶ Specialized child protection services include identification, referral, and contact tracing for unaccompanied and separated children, MHPSS, provision of recreational activities, gender-based violence support.

⁷ AFAD (Agency for Disaster And Emergency Management Presidency), 24 March 2023

⁸ IOM Türkiye March 2023

⁹ [Türkiye: 2023 Earthquakes Situation Report No. 11, as of 23 March 2023 - Türkiye | ReliefWeb](#)

¹⁰ TACs are formal sites established by the Government of Türkiye (a combination of tent sites and container sites), the rest of the displaced population are residing in tents or other accommodation in informal sites they have set-up themselves.

¹¹ Ministry of Family and Social Services, 25 March 2023.

¹² Ministry of National Education, 01 March 2023.

¹³ Ministry of National Education, 23 March 2023 and Education Sector Working Group

¹⁴ Ibid.

¹⁵ In the TERRA report, estimated cost recovery and reconstruction as well as loss/damages for WASH is estimated at \$ USD 4.35 billion and for Education sector is an estimated \$ USD 6.7 billion, which considers support to the teaching and school workforce, as well as learners' support. The total TERRA has put the costs reconstruction/recovery as well as loss/damages at an estimated USD \$103.6 billion.

¹⁶ [Türkiye Earthquake Flash Appeal 2023 | Financial Tracking Service \(unocha.org\)](#)

As of 24 March, UNICEF has trained 3,205 professionals from the MoFSS, Ministry of Justice (MoJ) and NGO staff on PSS, child protection and GBV prevention and response, ethical codes in field work, and the legal framework in the earthquake context, who are currently deployed to the field.

To date a total of 37 *child, adolescent and family support hubs/spaces*, including six mobile spaces, have been set up with UNICEF support to the MoFSS and NGO partners. 20 058 children and caregivers have been reached so far in these hubs/spaces with protection services¹⁷.

A further 20 hubs/spaces (*child, adolescents and family support hubs/spaces*) will be established in partnership with ASAM NGO and will reach over 100,000 children and caregivers with protection support¹⁸.

Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH): UNICEF has reached 391,420 people, including approximately 225,560 children, with critical hygiene supplies to date; 29 container toilets procured by UNICEF are being delivered to AFAD for distribution, which will benefit around 5,800 people. UNICEF is engaging with the municipalities of *Gaziantep* and *Hatay* through their water supply enterprises (*GASKI* and *HATSU*) to provide critical supplies for small repairs and restoring operationalization of water and sewage networks, to improve access to water and sanitation in these areas. UNICEF is also engaging NGO ACTED as an implementing partner; the interventions will target 15,000 earthquake affected people in *Hatay*, *Kahramanmaraş* and *Adiyaman* through activities to support access to WASH.

UNICEF is leading the WASH sector group. As of 24 March, WASH sector partners¹⁹ have reached 1.4 million individuals with WASH assistance²⁰. This entails delivery of 830,272 litres of potable water and 1,587,740 litres of water for sanitation purposes, provision of hygiene kits to 312,627²¹ households and provision of toilets and showers for 14,766 households.

Health and Nutrition: As per the request received from MoH, UNICEF is releasing eight Interagency Emergency Health Kits (IEHK 2017), from its stock in the country. The IEHK 2017 kit includes medicines and medical devices that will cover approximately 80,000 people for three months and the MoH will distribute the Health Kits in *Adana*²². UNICEF is awaiting the delivery of 100,000 doses of tetanus-diphtheria (Td) vaccines (vials of 10 doses), 50,000 Rabies vaccines and 400,000 doses of Measles Mumps Rubella (MMR) vaccines from the UNICEF Supply Division in Copenhagen. These vaccines are anticipated to reach 42,500 exposed people, including children (30,000 with Td, 12,500 with Rabies) as well as 200,000 children with MMR vaccine. The first lot of vaccines are expected to arrive end of March with staggered deliveries continuing until early May.

Education: The MoNE has resumed education services in six out of 10 earthquake affected provinces (*Diyarbakır*, *Şanlıurfa* and *Kilis* on 1 March, *Adana*, *Gaziantep* and *Osmaniye* on 13 March). A total of 1,495,648 students have so far resumed their education.²³ While schools have opened in six out of 10 provinces, in *Adiyaman*, *Hatay*, *Kahramanmaraş*, and *Malatya* a phased approach to resuming formal schooling will be implemented beginning on 27 March.²⁴ To support the reopening of schools in the most affected provinces, namely *Hatay*, *Adiyaman*, *Malatya* and *Kahramanmaraş*, the MoNE and UNICEF have identified locations where container (prefab) schools will be set

¹⁷ The number of children registered in each hub so far is approx 542 and each individual hub has a coverage capacity of 2600 children on average; with 37 hubs/spaces, the coverage capacity would be 96,200 children & caregivers that can be covered over 6 months.

¹⁸ child protection services include identification, referral, and contact tracing for unaccompanied and separated children, MHPSS, provision of recreational activities, gender-based violence risk mitigation and support services as well as access to SEA risk mitigation support and safe channels.

¹⁹ The WASH Sector group has numerous partners, with WASH sector group coordination in GZT and Hatay with over 30 partners participating in the coordination.

²⁰ While this is near the sector target in the flash appeal, as humanitarian operations continue some immediate life-saving water provision interventions such as bottled water distribution and water trucking are phasing out; small repairs and light rehabilitation as well restoration of water services phase in for emergency water provision; as such the reach of emergency water provision may fluctuate given nature of the interventions and shift in how the emergency support is provided as humanitarian operations continue to scale up as well as transition to recovery.

²¹ WASH Sector Update to the HCT 24 March; WASH Sector 4Ws+ OCHA Supply Assistance tracking 24 March 2023

²² The Ministry of Health identified Adana in coordination with WHO as the municipality most in need of the IEHK kits given the level of population displacement and needs and vulnerabilities as well as gaps in medical supplies/equipment in the health facilities.

²³ Ministry of National Education, 23 March 2023 and Education Sector Working Group

²⁴ On 27 March, schools in the following districts will reopen. This includes in *Adiyaman* 4 districts (*Kahta*, *Gerger*, *Sincik*, *Samsat ve Çelikhan*); *Hatay* 7 districts (*Yayladağı*, *Altınözü*, *Erzin*, *Reyhanlı*, *Payas*, *Dörtyol* and *Arsuz*); *Kahramanmaraş* 2 districts (*Andırın* and *Ekinözü*) and *Malatya* 8 districts (*Arapgir*, *Arguvan*, *Kale*, *Pütürge*, *Doğanyol*, *Yazıhan*, *Darende* and *Hekimhan*)

up. UNICEF is procuring 84 prefabs for classrooms and administrator rooms which will benefit approximately 2,160 children in double shifted schools²⁵.

A further 20 hubs/spaces (*child, adolescents and family support hubs/spaces*) will be established in partnership with ASAM and will reach approximately 95,000 children and adolescents with education activities including life skills activities, catchup classes and homework support. More than 35% of MoFA's request for maintenance and repairment of schools is provided through UNICEF's direct cash transfers to MoNE to support 1,179 schools, of which 900 are in earthquake affected provinces, to cover approximately 290,545 children.²⁶

UNICEF is leading the education sector working group with government counterparts at national, provincial and municipal level (national and subnational level); as the working groups continues to expand its subnational reach, in each province, an NGO partner will be assigned to assist field level coordination. The MoNE, with the support of sector partners, have established 1,793 temporary learning spaces in 10 earthquake-affected provinces, using tents, containers or prefabricated schools²⁷. Moreover, education sector members have committed to carrying out minor repairs for 1,266 slightly damaged schools to support the quick resumption of education in the affected provinces.

Social Protection: The MoFSS (Directorate General of Social Assistance) is leading the social protection response to the earthquake. UNICEF and the Ministry have designed a cash transfer program for 500,000 households with children affected by the earthquake, however due to the unavailability of resources, it is not possible to initiate and roll-out this critically required cash support intervention.

Adolescent Development and Participation (ADAP)/Social and Behaviour Change (SBC), Community Engagement (CE) and Accountability to Affected Population (AAP): Approximately 5,000 UNICEF trained youth volunteers from MoYS continue to provide emergency relief support to 160,000 people in TACs. ADAP and MoYS have collaborated on the development and design of "*Genç Alan*" (youth spaces) that will provide a variety of youth development services in the temporary settlements.

As part of the multisectoral partnership with ASAM, ADAP activities have been integrated to the program for the 20 *child, adolescents and family support hubs/spaces* which will be established, including life skills activities as well as adolescent engagement and participation.²⁸

Non-Food Items: UNICEF has reached 21,983 people with non-food items, including blankets and heaters. During the reporting period, 6000 blankets were sent to *Adiyaman* to support people in temporary and informal settlements affected by flooding.

Media and Communications: UNICEF continues to highlight the situation of children and their families affected by the earthquake to advocate for their immediate protection, safety and ensure access to services. During the reporting period, media coverage reached nearly 3 million people. UNICEF Türkiye social media posts reached 8.2 million accounts and engaged 259,000 others on social media over the past week. See Annex C for list of Social Media videos posted by UNICEF.

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²⁵ The prefabs are adjustable in size (28m²) and the number of prefabs to be placed per site may vary; as such the number of children per site when actually established may vary and maybe larger than what is the average coverage anticipated.

²⁶ The numbers of children reached with formal education will be reported upon opening of schools in affected provinces

²⁷ The number of students reached by is included in the nearly 1.5 students who have resumed learning as reported by MoNE.

²⁸ The number of adolescents to be covered is not disaggregated in the programme document. However, the project targets 95,000 children and adolescents in the actions.

Annex A: Funding Status as of 24 March 2023

Sector	Requirements	Funds Available		Funding gap	
		Humanitarian resources received in 2023	Resources available from 2022 (Reprogrammed carry-over)	US\$	%
WASH	13,000,000	7,442,261	2,738,323	2,776,214	21%
Health and Nutrition	19,250,000	4,783,447	843,700	13,622,852	71%
Child Protection	39,750,000	12,925,042	1,741,578	25,126,578	63%
Humanitarian Cash Transfer	45,250,000	-	-	45,250,000	100%
Education and ADAP	38,750,000	9,057,538	5,868,319	23,824,141	61%
Non- Food Items	40,000,000	4,585,860	4,601,000	30,813,139	77%
Being Allocated ²⁹		2,260,349		(2,260,349)	
Total Funding Ask	196,000,000	41,054,500	15,792,922	138,104,252	71%

Annex B : Summary of Programme Results as of 24 March 2023³⁰

Sector	UNICEF Target	UNICEF Results to date
Water Sanitation and Hygiene		
# of population reached by critical hygiene and WASH supplies	1,000,000	391,420
Child Protection		
# children and caregivers accessing mental health and psychosocial support	1,000,000	131,113 ³¹
# People with access to safe spaces, protection, and support hubs	500,000	20,660 ³²
# women, girls and boys accessing GBV risk mitigation, prevention and/or response interventions	1,500,000	7,883
# people with safe and accessible channels to report sexual exploitation and abuse by aid workers	1,500,000	7,883
Education		
# of children accessing formal or non-formal education, including early learning, through UNICEF-supported system-strengthening and programmes	500,000	6,921 ³³
ADAP/SBC, CE, AAP		
# people participating in engagement actions for social and behavioural change	5,000	5,000 ³⁴
# people reached through messaging on prevention and access to services (including social protection, health, nutrition, education, etc.)	2,700,000	1,004,000 ³⁵
Non-food items		
# of people reached with UNICEF-provided non-food items	1,500,000	21,983 ³⁶

²⁹ These are funds received at CO level (during the reporting period) and will be allocated to sectors based on ongoing prioritized needs analysis.

³⁰ Humanitarian indicators are under revision to reflect the reality of the context, nature of the response and support being delivered through national systems

³¹ Data from the field is being consolidated on UNICEF supported MHPSS services through government system and as such the reach is likely higher.

³² Includes the people accessing safe spaces established under Child Protection, Early Childhood Education (ECE) and ADAP.

³³ This is the number of children accessing education on daily basis where catch-up classes are being implemented with UNICEF support. The anticipated target through direct cash transfers to the government is nearly 336,000; however, the number of children reached will be reported as schools reopen in affected areas.

³⁴ Results reflect MoYS volunteers trained by UNICEF before the earthquake.

³⁵ This includes people reached with messages through social media including Facebook, Instagram, Tiktok (low to no cost interventions), as well as people reached through face to face and other modalities such as community engagement (which have more cost associated as they are more human resource intensive)

³⁶ This includes people reached with critical supplies which are not covered by UNICEF's sectoral programme responses e.g. Winter supplies.

Annex C: List of Videos on Social Media (Turkish and English)

Instagram: [UNICEF Türkiye on Instagram: "UNICEF, depremde etkilenen bölgelerde yaklaşık 500.000 kişiye ulaşacak çocuk,ergen ve aile destek merkezleri kuruyor. İhtiyaçlar hala..."](#)

Facebook: [\(13\) Watch | Facebook](#)

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/unicefturk/status/1637493942202650624?s=20>
<https://twitter.com/unicefturk/status/1637494281341468673?s=20>

YouTube: [UNICEF is setting-up support hubs to reach around 500.000 people in the earthquake affected areas - YouTube](#)

[UNICEF, depremde etkilenen bölgelerde yaklaşık 500.000 kişiye ulaşacak destek merkezleri kuruyor - YouTube](#)